

# BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

August 24, 2012

Commission members Present: John Brown, Jr., Russell Anzalone  
Absent: Robbyn Tumey

Others present: Kim Dennison, Sharon Rose, and Dr. David Wilson

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. and welcomed everyone.

### **New Business:**

- A. Ballot Draw for a Position on the Northwest Arkansas Community College Board of Trustees (Zone 2 only) and the Arkansas State Certified List of Candidates for Federal and State Offices for the General Election to be held on November 6, 2012: Chairman Brown stated that Dr. David Wilson, a candidate for Zone 2 of the NWACC Board of Trustees is present and was the first to file for office. Chairman Brown asked Dr. Wilson to draw for his position on the ballot. Chairman Brown and Commissioner Anzalone continued the ballot draw for the five (5) U.S. President/Vice Presidential candidates; the three (3) U.S. Congress, District 3 candidates; and the two (2) candidates for State Representative, District 95. Chairman Brown stated that the ballot draw was done in the order of the candidates as listed by the Secretary of State's office.
- B. Official Certification of Election Results for the Siloam Springs Primary and Springdale Special Elections held on August 14, 2012: Chairman Brown made a motion to sign the Official Certification of Election Results for the Siloam Springs Primary and Springdale Special Election held on August 14, 2012, motion duly seconded and carried by voice vote.
- C. Order Establishing the Appointment of Election Officials to Conduct the Annual School Election to be held on September 18, 2012: Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the Election Officials for the Annual School Election to be held on September 18, 2012, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. Order Establishing the Appointment of Election Officials to Conduct Early Voting for the Annual School Election to be held September 18, 2012: Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the Election Officials to Conduct Early Voting for the Annual School election to be held September 18, 2012, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Amended Order to Establish Official Early Voting Polling Sites for the Annual School Election to be held September 18, 2012: Kim Dennison stated that an incorrect date was listed on the first order that was signed by the commissioners and that the date needs to be corrected. Chairman Brown made a motion to sign the amended Order to Establish the Official Early Voting Polling Sites for the Annual School Election to be held September 18, 2012 seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Deposition of the Minutes of July 18, 2012 and July 30, 2012: Chairman Brown asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 18, and July 30, 2012 meetings. There being none, Chairman Brown made a motion that the minutes of the July 18, and July 30, 2012 meetings be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Coordinator's Update:**

Kim Dennison reported that L&A Testing would begin on Monday, August 27, 2012 for the School Election and that the media and ballots have been received from ES&S. Kim stated that the office has received several calls from voters who are in the school districts that are conducting early and absentee voting only. She stated that most school districts do this because they have no contested races in their districts and it is cheaper for the schools to not have polling sites open when there are no contested races. Kim reported that the three (3) County Clerk's offices have paper ballots, while Iberia Bank and the Centerton Fire Station will be conducting electronic voting only. Kim reported that the early voting hours will be held during normal business hours, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the County Clerk's offices, and from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Iberia Bank and the Centerton Fire House.

Commissioner Anzalone asked Kim about the refresher training courses that the Election Commission is offering for the upcoming General Election. Kim stated that a low response has been received for the refresher course and that due to the low response; several of the classes have been consolidated. Chairman Brown asked Kim about the number of ballot splits for the General Election. Kim responded that the preliminary count shows there will be 169 different ballot faces for the General Election to be held November 6, 2012.

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary

Prepared by Sharon Rose  
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